

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 remain in this application. Claims 1-7 were previously canceled, and new claim 15 is added above. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Independent claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), along with dependent claims 9-12, as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,524,439 to Gallup et al. Claim 8 is amended above to incorporate limitations directed to certain features described, for example, in paragraph 0011 of the specification, however, and reconsideration of the rejection of claim 8 is requested. Main exchanger fan 42 is not disposed at a lower end of the air supply device shown in Figure 2 of the Gallup et al. patent, and the Gallup et al. air supply device shown in Figure 2 is not completely arranged inside a backrest of seat 10. The climate control system forming the subject matter of the Gallup et al. patent, therefore, does not include, in combination with a sensor arranged as specified and the other elements required by claim 8, a fan at a lower end of an air supply device that is completely arranged inside a backrest of an automotive seat and an air duct arranged above the fan at a delivery side of the fan as claim 8 now defines.

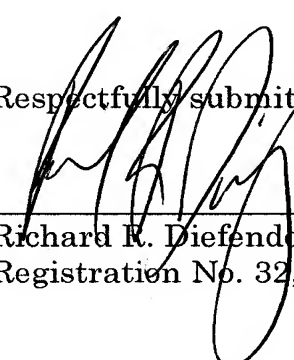
It is respectfully submitted that the anticipation rejection of claim 8 has been overcome for reasons discussed above. U.S. Patent 4,491,270 to Brand, relied on as a secondary reference to reject claim 13, fails to suggest modifying the system forming the subject matter of the Gallup et al. patent so as to meet the limitations of claim 8 discussed, moreover, and it is further submitted that claim 8 above is patentable. All other claims now present in this application depend on claim 8 and are considered patentable as well.

If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.56912US).

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